

Senate Resolution 9 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

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1 A Resolution to recognize the positive impact of the
2 community services block grant program.

3 WHEREAS, in state fiscal year 2010, 365,752 Iowans
4 in 140,333 households were helped in their fight
5 against poverty through services funded by the federal
6 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program; and

7 WHEREAS, more than 96 percent of the families
8 receiving services were at or below 175 percent of
9 the federal poverty level or \$35,427 annual family
10 income; and

11 WHEREAS, more than 76 percent of the individuals
12 served by the 18 community action agencies were
13 working or received social security as their source of
14 income; and

15 WHEREAS, those 18 community action agencies have 127
16 service centers throughout all 99 Iowa counties; and

17 WHEREAS, each community action agency is governed
18 by a community-based volunteer board of directors
19 consisting of elected officials, private sector
20 representatives, and low-income Iowans; and

21 WHEREAS, Iowa's 18 community action agencies employ
22 3,350 Iowans; and

23 WHEREAS, CSBG funding for the 18 community action
24 agencies brought in \$2.3 million in local funding,
25 \$13.6 million in private funding, \$13.9 million in
26 state funding, and \$222.9 million in federal funding to
27 Iowa's local communities; and

28 WHEREAS, CSBG funding for Iowa's 18 community action

1 agencies helped generate \$17.7 million in in-kind goods
2 and services and donated items; and

3 WHEREAS, the 18 community action agencies received
4 \$7,154,281 in CSBG funding enabling the community
5 action agencies to operate their service centers and to
6 administer state and federally funded programs; and

7 WHEREAS, President Obama has proposed a 50 percent
8 reduction in CSBG funding and making the allocation
9 of the remaining funds competitive instead of
10 continuing the current allocation formula that brings
11 stability to Iowa's community and economic development
12 initiatives; and

13 WHEREAS, the Iowa Senate supports efforts of the
14 United States Congress to effectively reduce the
15 federal deficit while promoting the current and future
16 economic security of all Iowans; NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
18 supports the positive impact of the CSBG program in
19 Iowa and opposes federal action to reduce CSBG funding
20 disproportionately compared to the rest of the federal
21 domestic discretionary budget; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
23 resolution be sent to the President of the United
24 States, the President and Secretary of the United
25 States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United
26 States House of Representatives, and each member of the
27 Iowa congressional delegation.